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Application of: Antonietta Grasso, et al.)	Confirmation No.: 3973
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Application No.: 09/746,917)	Art Unit: 2171
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Filed: 12/22/2000)	Examiner: Nguyen, Cindy

Title: RECOMMENDER SYSTEM AND METHOD

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STATUS INQUIRY
And
INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicants request the status of this application.

1) A final office action was mailed on May 10, 2004. In the Office Action Summary, Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 15-24, 26 and 28 were rejected and Claims 10, 12, 14, 25, 27 and 29 were objected to.

2) In the Detailed Action, in paragraph 2, Claims 1-9, 13, 16, 18-24, 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a). In paragraph 3, Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a). In paragraph 4, Claims 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a).

3) In paragraph 5, Claims 10, 12, 25 and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14 and 29 were not rejected anywhere in the Office Action.

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4) Applicants' prior amendment filed on April 5, 2004, had rewritten Claims 10, 12, 14, 25, 27 and 29 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 10, 12, 14, 25, 27 and 29 are believed to be allowable.

5) Applicants filed an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 on June 24, 2004, in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 10, 2004, which canceled all rejected Claims: 1-9, 11, 13, 15-24, 26, and 28. Claims 30-36 had been previously canceled. The only remaining claims were Claims 10, 12, 14, 25, 27 and 29, which were indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

6) Applicants' Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 on June 24, 2004, was fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 10, 2004, and should have been entered. Furthermore, since all allowable claims were in independent form and all rejected claims canceled, the application should have been allowed.

7) No response has been received from the USPTO since June 24, 2004.

8) Applicants' attorney Jeannette Walder called Examiner Cindy Nguyen on November 8, 2004, to request the status of the application. Examiner Nguyen said she would follow up on the application.

9) Applicants' attorney Jeannette Walder called Examiner Nguyen on January 31, 2005. The Examiner was not in her office so Applicants' attorney left a voice message.

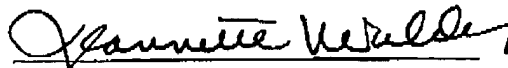
10) Applicants' attorney Jeannette Walder called Examiner Nguyen's supervisor, Safet Metjahic on February 1, 2005.

11) On February 2, 2005, Applicants' attorney Jeannette Walder returned Examiner Metjahic's voice mail response to her call of February 1, 2005. Applicants appreciate Examiner Metjahic's assistance in this matter. During the telephone interview of February 2, 2005, Applicants' attorney and Examiner Metjahic discussed the status of the application. Examiner Metjahic indicated that the Amendment filed on June 24, 2004, was fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 10, 2004, that the Amendment filed on June 24, 2004, should have been entered and the application allowed. If additional art had been found, prosecution should have been reopened by the Patent Office. According to Examiner Metjahic, the application is not abandoned. Examiner Metjahic indicated he would discuss the case with Examiner Nguyen when she returned to work February 7, 2005 (Examiner Nguyen is out of the office through

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February 4, 2005).

Respectfully submitted,



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